

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending at the time of the Office Action dated February 25, 2008. In this Amendment, claims 8-9 and 11-20 have been amended to cure improper dependency and new claims 21 and 22 to inherit subject matter of claim 9 have been added. Claims 1-22 are currently pending for examination. Care has been exercised not to introduce new matter.

Applicant notes, with appreciation, that claims 1-7 were allowed.

Claim Objections

Claims 8-20 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because they are multiple dependent claims depending other multiple dependent claims 3 and 7 respectively.

In response, claims 8-9 and 11-20 have been amended to cure their multiple dependency. Therefore, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

New claim 21, which is rewritten from claim 9 to cure multiple dependency, is patentable, since claim 21 incorporates subject matter of allowed claim 4.

New claim 22, which is rewritten from claim 9 to cure multiple dependency, is patentable, since claim 22 incorporates subject matter of allowed claims 1 and 4.

Conclusion

Upon entry of the above claim amendments, claims 1-22 remain active in this application. Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this case should now be ready to pass to issue; and Applicant respectfully requests a prompt favorable reconsideration of this matter.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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